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Karen Ennis after her Catalina Channel swim

Karen's 'super-human' swim raises £35k for Alder Hey!

ALDER Hey Children's Charity has celebrated the efforts of a West Lancs woman who is aiming to raise £100,000 for the cause by swimming the seven toughest stretches of water in the world, describing her as 'super-human'.

Karen Ennis, from Burscough, has already raised £35,008 for the hospital after swimming two of the so called Oceans Seven. She swam the English Channel two years ago, and the 22-mile Catalina Channel off Los Angeles, USA, four weeks ago.

Only 16 people have ever completed the Oceans Seven and Karen hopes to be the first British woman to do so.

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Karen with her presentation cheque for Alder Hey

Council sets its stall out... and tells town's market traders 'provide your own stands - and put them up'

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Ormskirk Outdoor Market.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

TRADERS at Ormskirk's outdoor market have been told the council is to stop providing stalls for them and, in a double whammy, council workers will no longer be responsible for erecting their stalls.

Currently, West Lancs Borough Council staff provide the stalls and put them in place for the market traders but this will end next April.

The controversial move has been approved by the council's cabinet but has been criticised by members of Our West Lancs group.

The council has defended the decision, however, saying that it brings the market into line with other markets and that it was reached with the agreement of the traders.

However, the Champion believes not all stall holders at Ormskirk market are happy with the pending arrangements and think the decision could have a 'negative impact'.

Some traders say they already have a long day travelling and setting out their wares and many of them come long distances to take part. They point out that having to provide their own stalls and put them up will 'completely change' their working day.

One disgruntled trader who asked not to be named said that packing damp or wet coverings in their van alongside stock could be 'a huge problem' as well as the sheer logistics of transporting the stalls and erecting/dismantling them.

There are fears that the moves could see the market decrease in size.

The news has also alarmed visitors to the market. Martin Pagett, from Aughton, said he was dismayed to learn that one market trader he visits regularly says he will no longer be at the market once the new rules come into play.

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£176,422 cheque for Woodlands!

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Police boost one: Officers given extra stop and search powers

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police have been given enhanced stop and search powers, as part of government efforts to crackdown on violent crime.

The Home Office is making it simpler for all forces in England and Wales to use Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act, which empowers officers to stop and search anyone in a designated area without needing reasonable grounds for suspicion if serious violence is anticipated. The nationwide pilot has been extended from a smaller pilot within the seven forces worst affected by knife crime (the West Midlands, London, South Yorkshire, Merseyside, South Wales, West Yorkshire, and Greater Manchester), following an urgent review commissioned by Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said: "We are experiencing a knife crime epidemic and I am determined to put a stop to it.

"Police chiefs are clear - stop and search is a vital tool in combatting the scourge of serious violence and keeping people safe.

Police have been given extra stop and search powers

"I am giving them my full support and more police authority to approve stop and search to halt this terrible crime in its tracks."

The rollout will see the Home Secretary lift all conditions in the voluntary Best Use of Stop and Search Scheme over the use of Section 60 by reducing the level of authorisation needed for officers to deploy and extend Section 60 from senior officers to inspectors and superintendents

It will also lower the degree of certainty required by the authorising officer so they must reasonably believe an incident involving serious violence 'may', rather than 'will', occur.

Furthermore, it will extend the initial period a Section 60 can be in force from 15 hours to 24, and extending the overall period an extension can be in place from 39 to 48 hours

Last year almost 7,000 arrests for offensive weapons and 900 arrests for firearms were made following a stop and search.

National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Stop and Search, Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Hanstock, said: "The extension of this pilot to all 43 police forces, and British Transport Police across the rail network, will help to reduce bureaucracy and allow officers to use Section 60 controls much faster when it is clear it is in the public interest to do so."

Police boost two: £3m fund to tackle knife crime and serious violence

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner has secured almost £3million in government funding to help tackle and prevent knife crime and serious violence across the county.

Lancashire is one of 18 areas across the country to be allocated funding, with £1.82m from the Knife Crime Fund and £1.16m for the setting up and running of a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).

Lancashire's proposals have now been signed off by the Home Office and funding is already being actioned resulting in a 146% increase in stop search activity across the force last month, with 679 stop searches in July 2019 compared with 276 in July 2018.

The money will be used to fund extra police patrols in areas affected by knife crime and crime prevention initiatives including knife surrenders and work with schools, colleges and other partner agencies. Additional knife wands and bins are also being purchased and new youth zone buses will be operational in every division, offering engagement and diversionary activities.

Chief Supt Sue Clarke from Lancashire Police, said: "We are committed to keeping our communities safe so we welcome this extra funding to help us tackle violent crime.

"We've already stepped up patrols in key areas increasingly using powers like Section 60s [for stop and search] to address identified local issues but this extra funding will enable us to do more of this work, along with other activity like crime prevention work with local schools and colleges."

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Karen aiming to compete Oceans Seven swim challenge

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The 47 year old, who works as a director of information systems at Merseyside Police, started out on the fundraising adventure for the charity with her husband Gary.

Sadly, Gary died in a tragic cycling accident last year but Karen has vowed to continue with her epic challenge.

Following her US swim, Karen visited the hospital where they celebrated her fundraising efforts.

Adam Dixon, charity fundraiser at Alder Hey Children's Charity, said: "Karen is super-human!

"We want to say a huge thank you for the work she has done for Alder Hey Children's Charity. It's not every day that someone takes up the challenge to raise £100,000 for the charity but as we know, Karen isn't your typical fundraiser.

"The money raised will help fund a range of activities and projects that are designed to enhance and improve the lives of our amazing young patients.

"This includes the funding of specialist medical equipment to ensure our brilliant surgeons and clinical staff have the most up to date and cutting edge technology available and funding hi-tech 'distraction technology' designed and proven to reduce pain and anxiety in our patients.

"We also fund a range of programmes and special projects such as our on-site magician, our ward musicians and the play specialists we have on every ward. Our ground-breaking ward-based chef programme ensures we are delivering healthy and nutritionally balanced food to all our patients, each and every day."

Next up for Karen is the Molokai Straits, Hawaii, in October with the remaining challenges made up of the Gibraltar Straits; the Tsugaru Channel, Japan; Cook Strait, New Zealand; and the North Channel between Scotland and Northern Ireland.

To donate to Karen's fun draising effort for Alder Hey visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karenennis18

Animal sanctuary staff celebrate bumper £176k donation for new cattery

Report by **Kenny Parker**

'This will turn a dream into a reality for us and our cats' say Woodlands volunteers

STAFF at a West Lancs animal charity are celebrating a bumper boost - thanks to a whopping six-figure donation.

Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Holmeswood was awarded £176,422 towards a new cattery at their Sandy Lane site by Support Adoption for Pets.

Set up by pet supplies retailer, Pets at Home, Support Adoption for Pets supports hundreds of pet rehoming organisations in the UK.

And the welcome donation couldn't have come at a better time for Woodlands after they were forced to cancel a fundraising open day for the second time this summer.

Originally scheduled for Sunday, June 9, the event was postponed due to unseasonally inclement weather.

It was then re-arranged for Sunday, July 28 only to once again fall foul of the 'great British weather' - costing the charity an estimated £4,000 in lost fundraising revenue.

Now though, thanks to the generous donation, officials at Woodands can start making plans for replacing the current cattery, although around £50,000 more will still be needed for the new facility which will also increase the number of cats and kittens they can take care of.

A spokeperson for the sanctuary said: "For the second time in a row, the trustees had to make the difficult decision to cancel an open day on the morning of it running.

The team at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary. Below: Vicky Maude and Liz Gould, trustees at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, with the presentation cheque from Support Adoption for Pets.

"This is not a decision that is ever taken lightly, not only because of everybody it will be inconveniencing, not to mention the money the charity will miss out on, but also because of all the supporters who were planning on visiting that day.

"From that low point - a very big high! Support Adoption for Pets has just awarded Woodlands Animal Sanctuary a cheque for a huge £176,422 for the exclusive purpose of building a brand new shiny cattery for the rescue and rehoming cats.

"Woodlands still need to fund a significant proportion of the build themselves, but without this money from Support Adoption for Pets, this new project would most definitely still be a pipe dream."

Trustee, Liz Gould, added: "This will turn a dream into a reality for us and our cats."

Laura Messenger, Grant Funding Coordinator at Support Adoption For Pets, said: "It is a real privilege to be able to help such an important organisation that works tirelessly to care for and rehome pets in need.

"They are doing a remarkable job, and we're delighted to be able to support them so that they are able to continue helping more pets in need."

Market traders told to set their own stalls out

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Mr Pagett fears the market will become a 'shadow of itself as others will no doubt leave too'.

Councillor Adrian Owens, leader of Our West Lancashire told the Champion the decision was made by seven members of the cabinet.

"If there had been an opportunity for all councillors to debate this proposal, then Our West Lancashire would have expressed concerns and wanted significantly more assurance from officers that this was the right move for Ormskirk," he said.

"Councillors only considered the future of the market in a detailed review three years ago and this change has been proposed suddenly.

"Ormskirk market is one of the strongest in the North West and we need to maintain that. If market traders are not happy with the current proposals I would urge them to work together with other market traders who feel the same and ask for full and meaningful discussions with the council. Our West Lancashire councillors are ready to help."

A spokesperson for West Lancs council said: "Ormskirk Market is one of the best street markets in the North West, if not the best. West Lancashire Borough Council has given a great deal of thought to how it can improve the market to maintain that position and make it sustainable for the future.

"It is normal practice these days for market traders to set up their own stalls in many markets across the UK, and many existing businesses on the market have their own stalls which they will set up in other markets they attend.

"The decision to allow market traders to set up their own stalls was part of a package of measures agreed with the existing traders which will help support the market into the future by reducing costs to traders and the council. These should help sustain the market by maintaining our existing market trader base at the same time as offering a package which should help attract new traders and the proposals are being introduced with the support of the existing market traders, who see the wider benefits concerned.

"The council is also currently consulting the public on a scheme for Moor Street in which street furniture will be re-configured to allow more room for market stalls."

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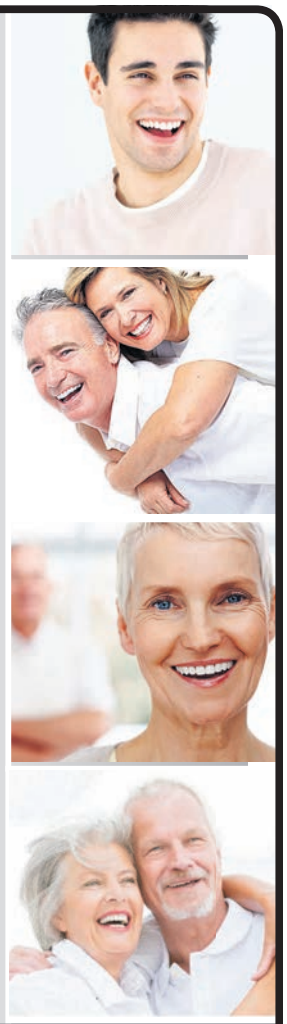

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Chance to have your say on proposed changes to borough licensing policy

Residents, businesses, public services and representatives of cultural and community groups invited to give their views

MEMBERS of the public are being given the chance to have a say on the official document the borough council uses when licensing pubs, bars and other licensed operations across West Lancashire.

The authority is inviting local people and businesses to comment on its draft Licensing Policy.

This document provides all interested parties and the public with guidance on the approach that the council will take under the Licensing Act 2003.

People have until Thursday, October 31 to give their views on the draft policy as council chiefs say they want to ensure it reflects the opinions of residents and all businesses - not just licensed premises - within the borough.

The document covers the sale and supply of alcohol in pubs and clubs, late night refreshment and the provision of regulated entertainment.

The council is proposing to change the policy to ensure it reflects current legislation and guidance, as well as the licensing issues that are evident across the borough.

Councillor Kevin Wright.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for health and community safety said: "To ensure our licensing policy remains a practical working document, it's essential that we get as much feedback from local people and business as possible.

"We are proposing to make changes to the licence review process to outline the options available, which includes setting out explicit expectations for licence breaches and/or criminal activity. We are also proposing to provide a clearer definition of public nuisance, which will help the authority to consider a wider context when examining contested applications."

The council is also writing to the police, fire service, members of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, representatives of the licensed trade, residents' groups and cultural organisations to get a wide range of views across the borough.

To see the draft policy, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/licensing. A limited number of hard copies are available on request. You can submit your views via email licensing.enquiries@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to WLBC Licensing Service, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale WN8 8EE.

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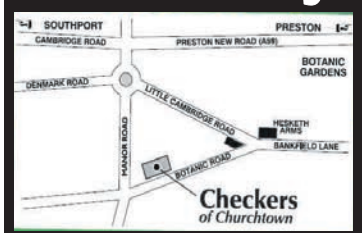

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Gang armed with sledgehammers ransack garage

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN gang of thieves used sledgehammers and high powered tools to ransack a petrol station in Halsall.

At around 12.30am on Sunday, August 11 a number of offenders raided Halsall Garage, on Halsall Road, and took a quantity of cigarettes, alcohol and cash before making off from the scene.

The garage was closed at the time of the offence, with no staff members present.

Detectives at Lancashire Constabulary are appealing for information and are keen to speak to anyone who saw what happened.

Det Con Kelly Rosenthal, said: "The offenders caused substantial damage to the exterior of the property in order to gain entry, using sledgehammers. They then used high-powered tools to access secure parts of the building once inside and stole a quantity of cash, alcohol and cigarettes.

The garage at Halsall that was raided by thieves.

"The offence took time and would have generated a large amount of noise and it is likely a vehicle was used.

"While this is a rural location, the garage is on a main road and it is possible there are witnesses who saw activity but might not have realised an offence was in progress. If you saw anything unusual, or have any dashboard mounted camera footage from outside the garage, please come forward."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 or email 2496@lancashire.pnn.police.uk quoting log 0442 of August 11.

Alternatively independent charity Crimestoppers can be reached anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org

Residents to have a say on plans to improve town centre

AS part of its ongoing consultation into proposed works to improve Ormskirk town centre, West Lancs council will be holding a drop in consultation event on Thursday, August 22 at the former Timpson's on Burscough Street.

The plans put forward by the authority are to improve Moor Street and Wheatsheaf Walks to help make Ormskirk look more attractive for residents and visitors.

Works proposed for Moor Street include new paving and seating for the Railway Road end of the street to match that installed on the rest of the pedestrianised area.

Street 'furniture' will also be re-configured to allow more room for stalls for the Ormskirk Market.

Proposals for Wheatsheaf Walks would make the complex's paved and seating space more welcoming and provide better access for disabled people.

One suggestion for this scheme retains the pagoda structure while another would see it removed and this may give a more open feel to the area, greater visibility to the shops and help make it a much more useable space.

Paving would be laid to match that on Moor Street and make the area more attractive.

Site construction works on the schemes selected is expected to start early in 2020 subject to all necessary scheme design/approval and procurement details being satisfactorily completed in advance of this timeframe.

The council is running an online consultation on the proposals until August 27 (at www.westlancs.gov.uk/ormskirkimprovements).

Council officers will also be available to speak to about the proposed schemes at the former Timpson's (16 Burscough Street, Ormskirk)on August 22 between 12.30pm and 4.30pm.

Nursery hosts final of garden landscaping contest

A WEST Lancs nursery staged the final heat of a nationwide competition for garden landscapers.

The event, part of the Association of Professional Landscapers (APL) World Skills Landscaping competition, was held at JA Jones and Sons in Gravel Lane, Banks.

The family-run firm is a long-term sponsor of the competition and set out a contest area for the 14 participants to create a series of themed borders.

Competitors had 90 minutes to design, locate and set out a planted border either in the form of a 'contemporary prairie' or 'cottage garden-style' planting.

Phil Tremayne, general manager at APL said: "Having the use of this fantastic facility was a great opportunity for these young landscapers. The APL would like to thank JA Jones for their continued support and especially for opening their doors again this year. It is always a highlight of the final heat."

Mike Vickers, director at JA Jones, added: We are always keen to support the development of young landscapers and the future of our industry. It gives us great pleasure to host this annual event as well as being a sponsor of this fantastic competition."

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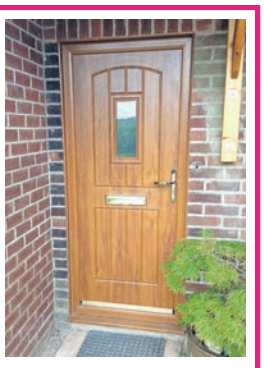

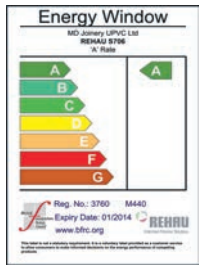

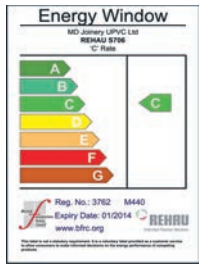

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Edge Hill seeks historic artefacts for new archive

OFFICIALS at Edge Hill University are appealing for artefacts relating to the institution's 134-year history for inclusion in its newly-created archive.

Edge Hill was the first non-denominational teacher training college for women in England when it opened in 1885.

Although it already has a large archive this has now moved into the new Catalyst building and management are keen to add more items, particularly relating to the years between 1885 and 1930 when the college moved from Liverpool to Ormskirk.

Archivist, Anna Watson, said: "We have some fascinating items in our newly-created archive. The 'Friendship books', which include delicate illustrations, handwritten poems and songs which were shared between students, are just one of the highlights.

"We also have a large collection of photos, school scarves, postcards and the early card registration forms for students studying here when it was the first non-denominational teacher training college for women in England.

"But despite the amazing collection of items, we already have there are gaps in the timeline, including the period from 1885 when the college opened on Durning Road in the Edge Hill district of Liverpool before moving to its current home in Ormskirk in the 1930s.

"We also have very little from when the college was requisitioned for use as a military hospital during the Second World War and the students were evacuated to Bingley in Yorkshire."

The archive contains more than 7,000 items including uniform, badges, building plans, autograph books and documents.

Anna added: "There are so many interesting items that not only give us an insight into Edge Hill, but also reveal our wider social history and the history of education.

This mace used at award ceremonies and major functions is among the items in the Edge Hill archive.

"I particularly like our photographs, some show early shots of the campus and common room, others female gym dress in the 1920s and trip outs to the Wirral to play tennis."

Information resources manager, Ruth Wilson, added: "The archive is not only important in documenting the university's history right back to its founding in 1885, but is also a significant part of social history.

"Our items document university life through the past 134 years and will be of interest to many researchers, including those connected to the university, studying family history, education through the decades or the wider history of Lancashire.

"We are keen for any items, big or small and from any year including anything recent. Full information is on our website at www.edge-hill.ac.uk/ls/edge-hill-archive/ or people can call us on 01695 657516."

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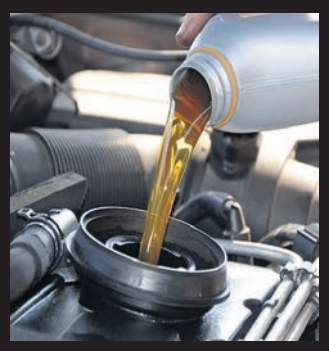

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The overhanging trees on Hall Road which are not considered a danger by Lancashire County Council.

'Overhanging trees not a danger', say county council

LANCASHIRE County Council has given assurance that there is no danger from overhanging trees on Hall Road in Scarisbrick.

Avril Davies from Hillock Lane, which joins on to Hall Road, contacted the Champion to say that she was concerned that there is an accident waiting to happen from the trees, some of which stretch so far they meet in the middle of the road.

She had seen two trees removed earlier in the year, following county council intervention, but believes that the danger still persists.

She said: "We've lived here for five years and it is getting progressively worse. The trees are leaning more and more into the road and we are not talking about little trees, these are massive 100 year old trees.

"There is one tree leaning so much that the fence has embedded itself into the tree. And there are two huge trees that even meet in the middle of the road.

"You've got double-decker buses and big wagons going past and you see all the branches that have been snapped off lying on the grass verges.

"If we have a lot of wind one of the trees or branches could come down and cause an accident."

Lancashire County Council said it is aware of the trees but does not consider them a hazard.

A spokesman for the authority said: "Our highways team monitors these trees and does respond to concerns raised by members of the public.

"Contact has been made in the past with landowners either side of Hall Road when trees are in need of removal, and some work has taken place in this area recently.

"It is not always necessary to remove a tree which is overhanging the road so long as it is healthy and securely rooted."

Company refuses to sit on the fence when it comes to litter!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Staff from the DS Smith factory Steve Walsh, Anthony Hart and David Williamson, with Burscough Litter Pickers Elaine Beesley, Chris Ryley and Louise Bateman.

A BURSCOUGH company put up a new fence to stop litter spreading to a nearby pathway after they heard about the problem on social media.

George Clandon is co-founder of Burscough Litter Pickers, which was set up last year to keep the town clean and tidy.

He says the group were contacted by Nigel Kenyon, the logistics manager at DS Smith, a cardboard box manufacturer based on Red Cat Lane, Burscough, after a post went on social media about how the company's cardboard was finding its way on to the public footbath.

After being invited to meet him, George says that DS Smith has dealt robustly with the matter.

George said: "I was contacted by the firms logistics manager Nigel Kenyon who'd seen the post and invited me for a meeting to discuss the issue.

"The difficulty was soon resolved with a new mesh fence, the large yard swept and tidied under the guidance of site forum leader David Williamson.

"And lastly Mr Williamson and some staff offered to join us on one our litter picks as a community gesture, which we gratefully thanked him for, with an extra offer of letting us place our collected litter in the firm's recycling skips avoiding landfill.

"This company has to be commended for their efforts to keep the village litter free and generosity in offering to help the local community.

"The parish council sent a letter of thanks to General Manager Luke Banks for the company's response."

Nigel Kenyon told the Champion: "We were really proud to be able to take part in the local litter pick recently and support their recycling efforts. At DS Smith, we value our relationship with the local community. We are passionate about solving sustainability challenges and keeping our community free of litter, so we're delighted to be a part of local clean-up efforts."

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ORMSKIRK Hospital is holding an open day to give people a chance to see behind the scenes and find out about employment opportunities.

Children are also encouraged to take their toys for 'treatment'.

Taking place on Saturday September 7, 11am to 3pm, to coincide with the Annual General Meeting (AGM) members of the public are invited to meet with various hospital teams, tour the departments and watch demonstrations.

Before the main day starts a menopause consultant and aholistic team of experts will run a drop in advice session at the 'Menopause Lounge' in the restaurant between 10am and 11am for anyone needing help with symptoms.

A family trying their hand at first aid

The AGM for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will take place between 11am and noon at the Education Centre, where there will be a job fair between noon and 3pm.

The Job fair will include interviews for live roles, and the chance to meet some of the people who work in the hospital.

A spokesperson for the hospital said: "Come along to find out more about the work we do, bring a teddy to visit our plaster clinic, enjoy delicious food, get your face painted, or even try your hand at basic first aid and resuscitation skills.

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Police commissioner wants to kick out unfair cost of policing football matches

Calls for clubs to foot the bill as Lancashire prepares to pay out close to £400k this season

By **Henry James**

The cost of policing football matches is set to increase and (inset) Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw.

WITH the new football season now underway, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has written to all Lancashire MPs to seek support for a change in the rules surrounding the costs related to policing football matches.

This follows new figures produced by Lancashire Constabulary which shows that costs relating to football Policing could exceed £1million this season across the county.

Last year in Lancashire, football policing cost the force in excess of £700,000, of which £530,000 was recovered from local clubs, leaving Lancashire Constabulary with a significant £170,000 shortfall.

This season it is expected the cost of policing football matches in Lancashire will increase significantly due to a strong following for Blackpool and Chorley being promoted to the National League.

Current estimates show that the cost is likely to be over £977,000 with around £593,000 expected to be recouped. This will result in a shortfall of over £384,000.

These figures are based on current risk and threat levels and could well exceed £1m once cup games are factored in. Should intelligence necessitate an increased presence or a club have a decent cup run then this would lead to increased costs to Lancashire Constabulary.

Police forces can only charge football clubs for officers deployed inside the stadium, whereas increasingly most of the football related offences and disorder takes place outside the stadiums.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw stated: "Figures produced by Lancashire Constabulary show why it is important for football clubs to pay their fair share of the costs towards policing football matches.

"Fans expect to feel safe on their way in and out of grounds and this is often where trouble can flare up.

"Football clubs last year generated record amounts with Premier League clubs enjoying over £5billion in revenue. Some of these record profits should be directed towards making sure fans and the wider public are safe in and around football grounds.

"I am calling on MPs from across Lancashire to join me in calling for a change to the law which allows for police forces to be able to recoup all associated costs of policing football matches. For clubs to experience record profits whilst Lancashire Constabulary picks up the tab isn't fair to the hardworking taxpayers of Lancashire."

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Hospital trust staff show support for LGBT+ community

by Danielle Thompson

SPECIAL 'rainbow badges' are now being worn by more than 500 staff at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust...to 'send a positive message of inclusion.'

Trust bosses say the badges show that Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals are an 'open, non-judgemental and inclusive place for people who identify as LGBT+'

The acronym LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender while plus sign signals that the wearer is inclusive of all identities, regardless of how people define themselves.

The badge is a sign that the wearer is a member of NHS staff to who the LGBT+ community can talk to about issues of sexuality and gender identity.

When staff sign up to wear the badge they are provided with information about the challenges faced by people who identify as LGBT+ in accessing healthcare and what they can do to support them.

The badge is designed as an NHS logo superimposed on the rainbow pride flag and can be worn on lanyards or uniforms. It was created by Dr Michael Farquhar of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

Hospital trust staff wearing the badges.

The 'rainbow badges'.

More than 100 clinical commissioning groups, GP surgeries and hospitals across the country have already expressed an interest in rolling it out.

Equality lead at Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust, Bob Davies said: "We know that teenagers who identify as LBGT+ are more likely to attempt suicide or self-harm, more likely to be bullied, or will even avoid seeking out healthcare for fear of discrimination.

"These statistics are worrying so it is very encouraging to see over one quarter of our staff here proudly wearing these badges and showing support.

"Badges wearers are standing in solidarity with LGBT+ people, and that support is vital for both patients and other staff members. We hope that our younger patients particularly find this helpful and welcoming, should they need to talk."

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Annie scores national success at the double

Royal parade invite rounds off triumphant event for local disabled equestrian ace

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Annie (in yellow) celebrates her success with friends including Glenda Foley, trustee of West Lancs RDA, and Natalie Burns, group coach and founder of East Liverpool RDA group.

A HORSE rider with learning disabilities from Burscough scored a double first in a national championship where she also got to parade in front of royalty.

Annie Wordley, who attends the West Lancs Riding for the Disabled Assiocation (RDA) at the Parbold Eqestrian Centre, was competing in the RDA National Championships at Hartpury College, Gloucester.

And the 25-year-old and her 11-year-old Fell pony, Brackenbank Flash Harry, took first place in the Senior ID Dressage and Overall Class Championship for the highest score in the dressage and first place in Senior Countryside Challenge and Overall Class Championship for highest score in Senior Countryside Challenge.

Proud

Annie has also qualified for the RDA Intellectual Disability Championships, in association with British Dressage, due to be held in Solihull on August 31.

The championships also celebrated the 50th anniversary of RDA and Annie was chosen to ride a special parade attended by the Princess Royal, Princess Anne.

The National RDA Championship is the biggest equestrian event for disabled riders in the world and bigger than the Paralympics and Para World Championships combined. It brings together up to 500 riders from as far afield as Guernsey and the northern tip of Scotland and more than 300 horses and ponies of all ages and abilities. Events include carriage driving, countryside challenge, dressage, show-jumping, vaulting and showing.

Debbie Hartill, chairperson and group coach of West Lancs RDA, said: "All at West Lancs RDA are extremely proud of Annie and Harry's achievements. There are no limits to what the partnership can do and we will support them all the way."

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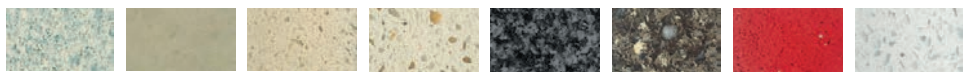

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Radio station marks 40 years of making waves at hospital!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A RADIO station serving both Ormskirk and Southport Hospitals has celebrated 40 years since first taking to the airwaves.

The volunteer run station, which counts impressionist Jon Culshaw and Radio Lancashire's Alan Beswick among its former presenters, first broadcast to the patients of Ormskirk District Hospital on August 6 1979 as Radio Ormskirk General.

Now in its ruby anniversary year it is broadcasting to both Ormskirk and Southport hospital sites and is named Hospital Radio Heartbeat.

Station manager Bill Jarvis said: "It is and continues to be an absolute pleasure to be the current station manager during the celebrations. I am proud of all the effort from our voluteers and would like to thank all members, past and present, for all the hard work they have put in over the last 40 years to make the station what it is today.

"Also, we would like to give a special thanks to the trust for the support they have given us over the years, which includes providing the facilities to house our studio."

Back when presenter and founder Rob Turner played the first vinyl record, Oliver's Army by Elvis Costello, the station was very different to how it is today.

There were no computers and the station only broadcast two hours a night.

These days, the station broadcasts 24 hours a day to patients via a sophisticated computer system from its studio complex in Ormskirk Hospital.

Volunteers at Radio Heartbeat celebrate its 40th anniversary.

However, despite all the changes over the last 40 years, its purpose has remained the same and that is to provide free entertainment, music and chat to cheer up the patients free of charge.

Over the years the station has seen fires, floods and technical problems but is still broadcasting four decades later with a strong volunteer and listener base.

The station is run by an army of volunteers and some famous past names include Alan Beswick who went on to work at Radio Lancashire and the best known former member and star of Dead Ringers, impressionist Jon Culshaw.

As well as playing music, the radio station also provides specialist programmes aimed at the dementia patients as well as drama, comedy and documentary features.

Members of the radio station can also be seen out and about at local events recording interviews and making features to be played to the patients of the trust.

Radio Heartbeat is a registered charity, independent from Southport and Ormskrik Hospital NHS Trust, that raises funds via music roadshows and donations.

Bill added: "It has been an interesting 40 years and we are looking forward to many more happy years of hospital broadcasting to come'.

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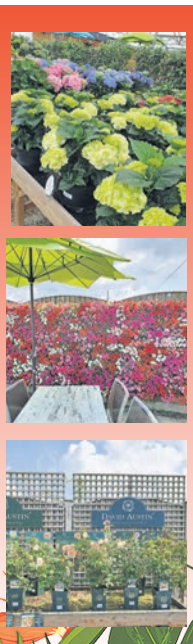

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More variety, a solid walking surface and decent toilets would improve town centre - not more student flats and charity shops

YET again we see headlines concerning proposed town centre schemes for Ormskirk.

I have written on this subject previously - I have worked in Ormskirk town centre from the age of 17 and am now 62 years of age. For the first 22 years of my working life I was based in Aughton Street where the traffic once flowed and on Thursdays and Saturdays negotiated the then flourishing market.

The town became a pedestrianised area and over the years I know that men will have spent their entire career digging up and replacing/levelling the block paving in the centre, and this still goes on regularly today.

I have seen hundreds of women 'step out of their shoes' when heels are caught in the paving and indeed experienced this myself. I have seen hundreds of people step on an uneven block in the rain; it has 'wobbled' and they have been severely soaked by the water pooling underneath.

There have been various 'improvement schemes' over the years and now the latest one apparently is in the pipeline.

Allegedly this plan is going to "make the town more attractive for shoppers, visitors and residents."

The problem I see is that there ain't much actually in the town any more for shoppers, visitors and residents.

There are hardly any shops, apart from charity shops, there is an abundance of bars/eateries and only one supermarket which is not actually in the town centre. Even the 'famous Ormskirk market' is not what it used to be.

We now also have the proposed demolition and redevelopment of the former Tesco site, primarily for students (yet we have student rental properties standing empty on many streets) but I find it hard to believe that this building will attract the likes of Next or Primark into our little town, as has been suggested.

Surely spending funds on improving the variety of shops, providing a solid walking surface for both able and disabled and making decent toilet facilities would make more sense than rearranging what we already have. Perhaps more shoppers, visitors and residents would then want to spend time in the town.

Anne Burt, Burscough.

Whole town will suffer if stallholders are driven out and market decreases in size

WALKING through Ormskirk town centre today (Thursday) one could not help but enjoy the thriving market.

Listening to the voices of people it was obvious that many had travelled distances to be there - a financial draw for stallholders and shopkeepers alike.

Saturday will see this repeated and so on throughout the year. The lifeblood of this market town. How many hundreds of years has this market been held to the betterment of Ormskirk and district?

However, during my chats I was informed that the council has voted to stop paying their staff to put up the market stalls and remove them after each market.

As from April 2020, I am told, stallholders will have to provide, set up and remove their own stalls. They already have a long day, many coming long distances to take part.

Will they be eager to come once their burdens are increased? Would you? Bad enough on a fine sunny day, but what about in inclement weather? Packing damp or wet coverings in your van alongside your stock will be a huge discouragement.

What about the sheer logistics of transporting the stalls and maybe erecting/dismantling them on your own?

It seems probable that the market will decrease in size, if it remains at all. If this results, the whole town will suffer.

I have no way of confirming this council decision but, if true, it seems short-sighted and ultimately self-destructive.

Has consultation been carried out with stallholders, shopkeepers and customers? I doubt it.

The council should be encouraging people to come to the town and spend their money instead of driving them away.

George Weeks,
Aughton resident of many years.

Local government system clearly needs a re-think and dismantling

IN 2011 Bill Taylor, chief executive at West Lancs Council, left after 14 years in office with £350,000.

He was replaced with two female chief executives who, we were told, were going to economise and increase efficiency. Ratepayers were supposed to be getting two for one and the effects of this were to be considerable.

In 2015 Gill Rowe, one of the chief executives, left with £250,000 after taking early retirement. Ratepayers were told this would minimise overheads and one chief executive, Kim Webber, was sufficient.

Recently Kim Webber and two other senior executives announced their retirements at a cost of £650,000, including pension payments, as part of West Lancs' proposed reorganisation, and to reduce overheads and increase efficiency.

How can this local authority mess be allowed to continue? We have elected councillors who achieve zilch, apart from talking and promising, and the whole system of local government obviously needs a re-think and a dismantle.

Graham P. Walker,
Up Holland.

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a suitable nom de plume.

The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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PICTURE of the week

READER Phil McDonough from Aughton sent us this photo which, he says, shows a great White Egret and Little Egret pictured at The Wildfowl Trust at Mere Sands Wood in Rufford.

If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to us at editorial@champnews.com.

Please remember to include your name, the area where you live and brief caption details.

Although we cannot publish ALL the photos we receive, we do acknowledge and appreciate your contributions, thank you.

Still waiting for street clean-up operation we were promised

IT was good to see that Lancashire County Council has acted on the problem of the overgrown hedgerow and the unpassable pathway on Springfield Road, Aughton.

However I feel it was more to do with possible litigation than the environment.

They cut back the overgrown hedgerow only on the side where there is one path !

The remaining part of the pathway is still overgrown with gutter weeds and hedges and still unpassable.

Some time ago a council leaflet was put out telling residents that they sweep all vulnerable areas once a day and others areas every other day. I've yet to see this in Springfield Road.

David Palin,
Springfield Road, Aughton.

Parbold Hill landfill site

CAN I just point out that Maurice George in Letters To The Editor (August 7) describes the site as "completely hidden from view and barricaded" and "an enormous hole."

These descriptions are clearly not describing the threatened large grassy area at the top of Parbold Hill, which is not barricaded, is not a hole and is in plain view of everyone passing on the A5209 a few feet away.

I suggest he is confused with some other quarry.

What a shame that you published his factually incorrect letter whilst editorially trying to smear the Stop Parbold Hill Landfill campaign with giving out misinformation!

The Champion needs to put its own house in order.

Oliver Howarth, Parbold.

● Editor's note: As is regularly stated on this page, all views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are those of the author, NOT the newspaper.

With regards to the article referred to, there was no attempt to 'smear' anyone. We were simply reporting claims made by the developers, as was made clear, both in the headline and the story. The article also included a response from Stop Parbold Hill Landfill.

We would also point out that the Champion has regularly reported the views and concerns of campaigners against the Parbold Hill proposals, as well as publishing a number of letters - including one by Mr Howarth - opposed to the development.

As far back as June 19 we carried an extensive front page article in both our West Lancashire editions detailing concerns about the plan, along with a plea by campaigners opposed to it for residents to put their objections in writing to the relevant authorities.

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Some of NCS students and residents of Broookside Retirement Living at the event.

Teenagers bridge the generation gap

Students organise 'fantastic afternoon' for residents of retirement living scheme

A GROUP of West Lancs teenagers undertaking a National Citizen Service (NCS) programme run by Wigan Athletic Community Trust helped to bridge the generation gap by organising a nostalgic 'fun day' for residents at a retirement living scheme in Ormskirk.

The event at Brookside Retirement Living in Aughton Street was part of the students' social action plan where they give back to their local communities.

The students held fundraising events to provide residents with a fun and interactive day aimed at helping to combat loneliness and isolation, and improve their health and wellbeing.

They also took along gifts of an Amazon Echo, Instax camera, a tablet and £35 in Argos vouchers.

Activities included nostalgia-themed bingo, karaoke, a quiz, music and dancing, plus a lovely afternoon tea.

Manager at Brookside retirement living, Susan Thomas, said, "What a fantastic afternoon - we had a room full of very happy residents!

"Thank-you to the students and Wigan Athletic for coming in and putting on such a great event."

Wigan Athletic Community Trust have two NCS programmes running over the summer for 15 to 17-year-olds. These will work with more than 150 young people across West Lancashire to give them the opportunity to gain invaluable work and life skills, while helping to improve their confidence, leadership and teamwork skills.

Broken into four phases - adventure, discovery, social action project and graduation - NCS gives participants the opportunity to take on new challenges, complete a range of different activities and make new friendships.

After spending their first week in Scotland tackling activities including rafting and sailing and the second at the University of Cumbria learning to live independently, the students who visited Brookield then spent two weeks preparing for and carrying out their social action project at the home before graduating at Wigan Athletic's DW Stadium.

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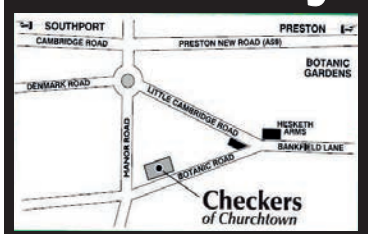

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Our award-winning Canoe Safari and Boat Tours area is a kilometre-long trail of waterways that can only be explored by boat or canoe. The self-guided canoe safari offers you a unique way to explore a part of our wetland centre that isn't accessible on foot. The habitat around the canoe safari is teeming with life, so keep your eyes open and see what you can spot as your paddle your way around the twists and turns of the waterways. Dragonflies, kingfishers, water voles – what treasures will you discover?

If you prefer a more relaxed approach, sit back and relax on a guided boat tour instead. With an abundance of wildlife in the surrounding area, your boat guide will identify and point out the wildlife, plants, fish and insects all around you. Your guide will be able to help you spot elusive wildlife such as sedge and reed warblers flitting in and out of their reed bed nests. This tranquil and relaxing boat tour is a must-do for any visit.

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Enjoy your ice cream with a walk around our grounds to find the GIANT Bionic Bugs. There are 6 bugs for you to find and all are brought to life with state-of-the-art animatronics and sound effects. There's a 6ft dragonfly, a 4ft buzzing bee and a 6ft long grasshopper – what will your favourite be?

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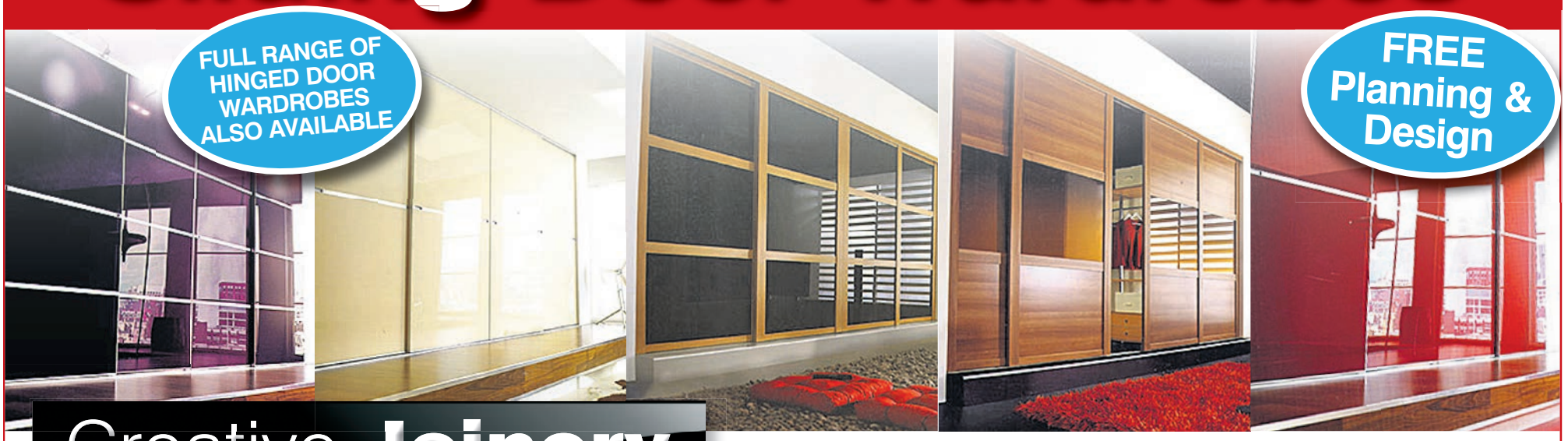

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Costs of day centres to increase to cover cost of running services

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE cost to attend Lancashire County Council day centres will increase from October for people who pay for the service themselves.

The increase was approved by cabinet at a meeting held last week and follows a consultation earlier this year.

In West Lancs, the changes will affect people who attend the two county council run day centres in Ormskirk – the Derby Centre, on Derby Street, and Mere Brook Enhanced Day Care Centre, on Aughton Street.

Lancashire County Council runs 13 day centres that offer support for older people and people living with dementia.

Activities at the centres include everything from mobility exercises and independent living support, to crafts and discussion groups.

The county council says the current rates to attend were introduced five years ago, but no longer cover the actual cost of providing the services.

The increase will be phased in with 50% of the increase being introduced on October 1, and the remaining 50% being introduced on April 1 next year, when Government pensions are due to rise.

County Cllr Graham Gooch

Fees will typically increase between £3 and £5.50 in October, and again by a further £3 to £5.50 in April 2020. Variations depend on whether extra support and/or transport is needed.

The council says that phasing the increase in this way will give people more time to consider their care options.

People who use the centres and who have their fees paid as part of their social care package and the rates they pay are unaffected by this change.

County Councillor Graham Gooch, cabinet member for adult services, said: "The tough financial challenges we face mean we have had to look again at fees and charges for some of our services. The current day centre rates have remained unchanged since 2014, when they were brought in.

"They have not kept pace with the actual cost of providing care, which has risen considerably over the past five years. This is largely due to the increased and sometimes complex needs of people who attend our day centres.

"It is vital we staff to a level to keep people safe and well cared for, and increasing the fees so they cover the actual cost of delivering the care is a key part of this.

"We know that some people will want to reconsider their care options, which is why we're phasing in the new fees.

"This will give people the opportunity to plan their care when they know the rate of their Government pension increase for the new financial year."

The county council says the fees will be reviewed and adjusted each year to ensure they continue to cover the actual costs of delivering the services.

For more information about the county council's older people's day centres visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search for 'care services we provide'.

Women's Institute celebrates 50 years of friendship in style!

MEMBERS of Tarleton's Women's Institute have hosted their Summer Soirée – when they celebrated 50 years of friendship.

County Chairman Jackie Hobson and members of neighbouring Women's Institute (WI) groups joined them for the celebration at The Courtyard in Tarleton, where they were treated to a fashion show, hand massages, refreshments and fizz.

Anne Ball from Tarleton WI said: "The meeting started with a presentation from Jackie Hobson to two of our members who received their 50 year membership certificates.

Members Jean Helm and Pauline Forster with Simon Yates from The Courtyard

"We were treated to a fashion show as some of our members were models for the evening and showed us a varied range of outfits and accessories, from casual to something for that special day or evening. All the models enjoyed their moment in the spotlight!

"The models had a lovely treat from Secret Spa in Tarleton; they all had their nails done for their special evening. Secret Spa also gave free hand massages during the evening and discount vouchers to all the ladies present.

"The evening finished with a fantastic raffle and the ladies received discount vouchers for The Courtyard, whilst they were leaving."

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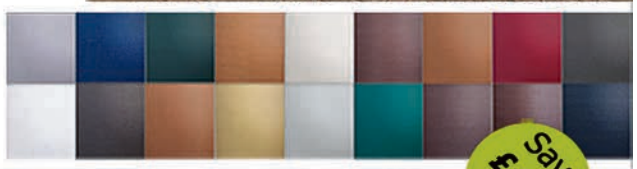

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Confidential texting service will offer support to people with wellbeing issues

Care trust to launch new scheme next month

PEOPLE in the county experiencing issues affecting their wellbeing will soon be able to access support through a confidential texting service that is launching next month.

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline has announced that its service is expanding and will soon be offering increased emotional and wellbeing support to young people in the area.

The brand new service aims to reach out to those who may find it difficult talking on the phone by providing emotional support via text messages.

On texting the service, the person will receive a welcome message confirming their text has been received and will be responded to within 24 hours. An operator will then respond and invite the person to share how they are feeling and provide emotional support.

Pressured

Service users will also be able to obtain information about local and national services from operators, ensuring that people can access support from a number of resources.

Wellbeing and Mental Health Helpline manager at the trust, Lorraine Khalaf said: "We are really excited to be expanding our service and to be able to increase our offer to people living in the area.

"We recognise that for some people, picking up the phone can be as difficult as having a conversation face-to-face. Some people can feel pressured to think about what it is they want to say over the phone, but equally in the back of their minds, may know that they need to talk to someone.

From next month support for wellbeing and mental health issues will be available by text.

"It is really important for a service like the Mental Health Helpline to be able to move with the times and offer a flexible service that offers the right support through the right channels.

"All of our trained volunteers are here to do this and will introduce themselves and invite the person texting to share as much information as they feel conformable with. By listening, asking and responding to questions, our volunteers will help people to think clearly and make decisions about their own wellbeing."

The service, which is due to launch on Tuesday, September 10 as part of World Suicide Prevention Day, can be contacted by texting HELLO to 07860 022 846. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 7 to 11pm and Saturday and Sunday from noon to midnight.

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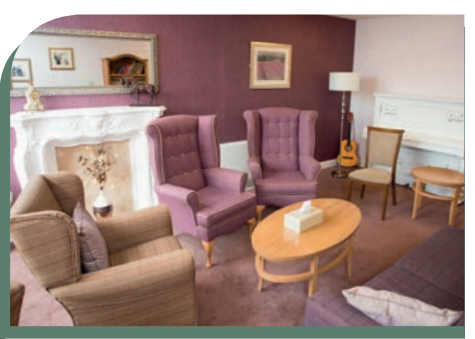

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It's good to talk...

Young people reminded that county council's support service is available to offer advice about exam worries or other issues

STUDENTS anxious about either their A-level or GCSE results are reminded that help, support and guidance is available from Lancashire County Council's advice and support service, Talkzone.

Young people between the ages of 12 and 19 can access the service by telephone, text, webtalk, email and Facebook.

It is also available for any young person up to the age of 25 with a disability and can be accessed from 2 to 10pm each day including weekends and bank holidays.

This year A-Level results are due to be announced on Thursday, August 15 with GCSE results revealed a week later on Thursday, August 22.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "I appreciate that this can be a very worrying time for young people. I can still remember vividly how anxious I felt going into school to get my results - I wish Talkzone had been available then as I'm sure I would have used it."

Through Talkzone, young people can speak with trained advisers in confidence and chat through anything that is worrying them, as well as their exam results. Staff are able to talk about a wide range of issues which, the county council says, young people say they really appreciate, including feeling low, relationships, leaving home or contraceptive advice.

Since it was set up 24 years ago, Talkzone advisers have responded to thousands of enquiries from young people on a huge range of issues.

Talkzone manager, Gaja Gannon, added: "Although the majority of the calls we take in August are about worries over A-levels and GCSEs, we're available 365 days a year to talk to any young person about any concerns they have.

The county council's Talkzone helpline is available for young people worried about exam results and any other issues.

"Staff are fully trained and are able to identify options for young people who may not have a place in further or higher education sorted out, or for those whose results have been better or worse than expected.

"Whether the issue is large or small, Talkzone is available to help, so don't be afraid to call, text or contact us online."

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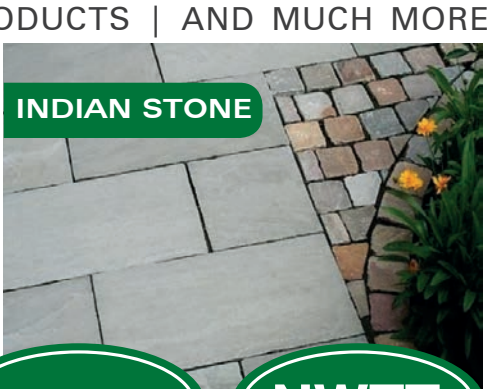

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Singer's home concert date

A SINGER-songwriter from Burscough is returning to her home town for a one-off performance ahead of the release of a new single.

Francesca Louise - whose mother Joanne Fairclough plays piano for Aughton Male Voice Choir and runs Burscough's Consolette Choir - is now based in London where she is bidding to build a career in the music industry. She has already played support for Brit pop band Echobelly and had a slot at the HowTheLightGetsIn festival in Wales, as well as having airtime on BBC and independent radio stations.

And on Friday, September 6 she will be joined by her band for a performance at the Arts Centre, Smithy Walk, Burscough from 7.30pm.

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Members of the 37th Ormskirk (St Anne's) Scout Group pictured during their Austrian adventure.

Scouts enjoy Alpine adventure

MEMBERS of the 37th Ormskirk (St Anne's) Scout Group have been creating memories to last a lifetime while adventuring in Austria.

A group of 51 Scouts and leaders travelled to the central European country known for its mountain villages, baroque architecture, and rugged Alpine terrain.

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And they took time out to sample a taste of local culture with a day trip to Oberammergau in Bavaria - scene of the world-famous Passion Plays.

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New blood cancer support group launched

LYMPHOMA Action, the only charity in the UK dedicated to this particular type of blood cancer, is launching a new support group for people across North Merseyside and West Lancashire.

The group will meet on the first Wednesday of alternate months from 6 to 7.30pm, starting on September 4, at Parenting 2000 in Mornington Road, Southport.

Lymphoma is the fifth most common cancer in the UK, with a new case diagnosed every 27 minutes and the charity wants everyone affected to receive the best possible information, support, treatment and care.

Hosted by Karen Bonell, regional development manager at Lymphoma Action, the support group is open to anyone affected by a diagnosis of Hodgkins or non-Hodgkins Lymphoma or chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).

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I have a near perfect recycling machine in my two dogs, Tina and Cinders...

IT'S all a lot of rubbish really.

When it comes to recycling - something of which I truly approve - I'm still not certain for example of what constitutes recyclable plastic, and I am still concerned as to what and where all this recycling takes place.

Since the separate paper collection and the food caddie finished, it seems to me that the 'general' rubbish bag must contain such an awful mess that pulling the wheat (if there is any) from the chaff must be difficult in the extreme.

I remember, years ago when recycling was in its infancy locally, having a conversation with an elderly woman on the subject. She too said she was all for the idea of the scheme, but said: "I'm d***ed if I'm going to start washing my rubbish!"

Anyway, I think I now own the near perfect recycling machine for food waste. It's called a couple of dogs, Tina and Cinders.

Nearly six years ago, after the death of my brother George, I was trying to find ways of saving money. And one of the better schemes I came up with was to steam as much of my food as possible, a plan which was not only healthy but also saved quite a lot of energy in that a complete dinner for one could be cooked using but one pan.

Then, about three years ago I watched a television programme about commercial dog food, whether it was good for your beloved pet. And the 'expert' wheeled on for this comfortingly said that most of the dog foods available, both tinned and dry, did a pretty good job - which cheered me since I was using the dry dog food which both dogs seemed to enjoy.

And it gave me an idea. The one major point this expert made was that most dog foods were somewhat lacking in sufficient vegetable content. Why not, I cunningly thought, put the potato peelings, ditto carrots and indeed the bits left over when any veggies are prepared for the pan, in the bottom, water compartment of the steamer and add the resultant 'soup' to the doggy dinner?

And it has worked. No surprise that Cinders eats up her cabbage and cauliflower (she'll eat anything remotely edible, plus the wrappers). Tina though is more particular about what goes in her tummy but - surprise - she obviously relishes just about any vegetable she is confronted with.

Obviously they'll also accept any left-overs from my meal, so I am in a position where, apart from the odd chicken bone, just about every scrap of food is usefully used! And at the same time I can save a little extra by giving them slightly less of their 'official' food.

Mind you, what dogs (or at least my two) seem actually really to enjoy amazes me. Tina, for instance, has a particular fondness for curry - the hotter the better - and doesn't even make for her water bowl when she's done.

And I'm not quite sure how dogs eat spaghetti - that simply disappears, hoover-like, in seconds.

Coming back to recycling in general though, those huge bin wagons they have nowadays, with six or even eight wheels and a bogging great diesel engine up front, along with a small army of support vehicles for various specialised recycling projects, can't be doing much for the environment.

If we are to have electric cars and buses, why not electric refuse collection lorries? In fact, I think we are still a long way off practical electric traction for long distance heavy loads, so perhaps it's about time we turned once again to our railways, where one (electric) loco can haul the equivalent of perhaps a couple of dozen HGVs.

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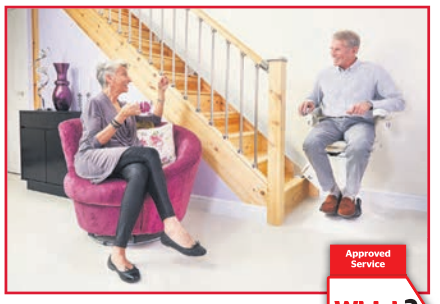

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Report by **Kenny Parker**

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A verger is typically someone who acts as a caretaker and attendant at a place of worship.

Performing the role of verger as a volunteer, Michael Gray assists in the running of day to day church life, such as maintaining candles, opening and closing the building, presentation of the church, and the provision of books and kneelers . Michael, 77, a retired NHS accountant, has been attending Holy Trinity Church since he moved to Tarleton in 2001 to be closer to family. He took on the role of verger following the death of his wife Margaret five years ago.

About being admitted to the guild of vergers, Mr Gray said: "Being accepted to the Guild is a great honour and provides members a chance to show their faith.

"It enables close fellowship, sharing of thoughts and practice, personal support and friendship outside our normal spheres.

"This is beneficial to the church as a whole as we are all able to provide a better, holistic and more informed service to the church."

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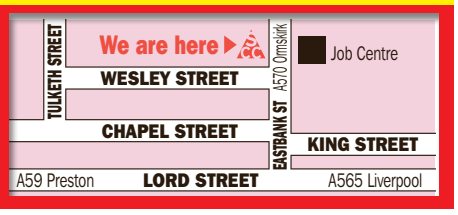

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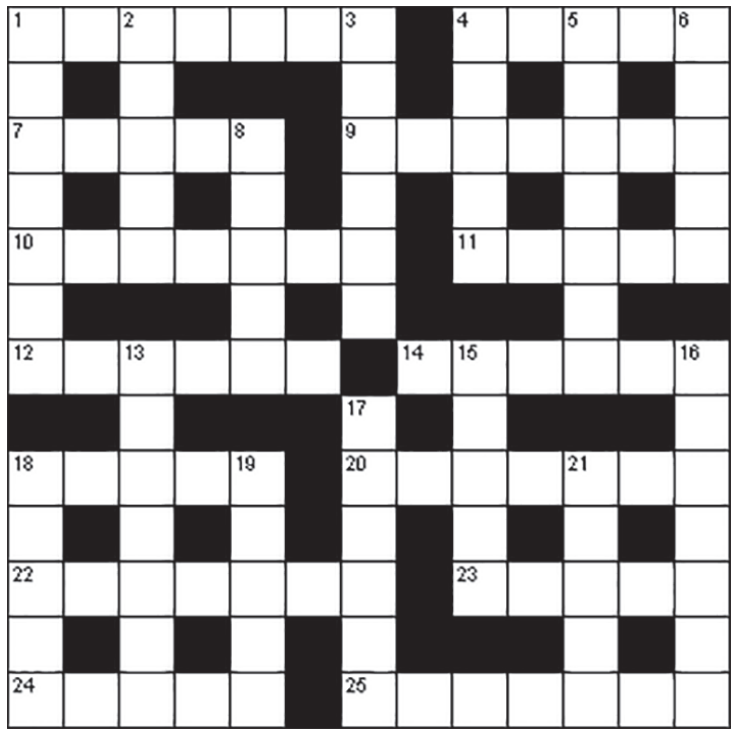

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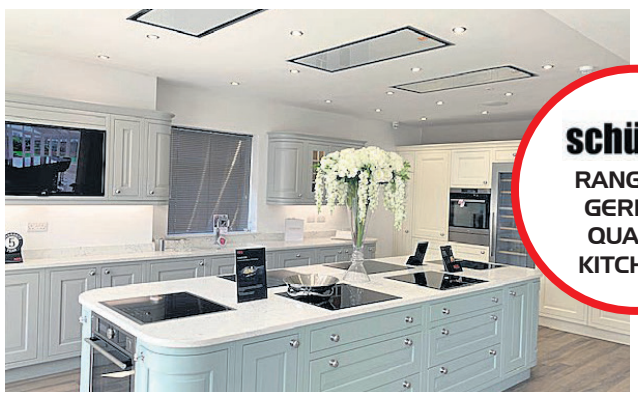

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Starring Lyn Paul in the iconic role of Mrs Johnstone for the final time, she will be joined by Joel Benedict as Eddie, Danielle Corlass as Linda, Danny Taylor as Sammy and Chloe Taylor as Mrs Lyons. Alexander Patmore returns as Mickey alongside Robbie Scotcher as the narrator.

The rest of the cast for Blood Brothers includes Tim Churchill, Graham Martin, Gemma Brodrick, Hannah Barr Graeme Kinniburgh, Shaun McCourt and Connor Bannister.

Considered 'One of the best musicals ever written' (Sunday Times), Blood Brothers, written by award-winning playwright Willy Russell has triumphed across the Globe. Scooping up no fewer than four awards for Best Musical in London and seven Tony Award nominations on Broadway.

This epic tale of Liverpool life started as a play, performed at a Liverpool comprehensive school in 1981 before opening at the Liverpool Playhouse in 1983. It has since completed sell out seasons in the US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Japan and ran in London's West End for 24 years, exceeding 10,000 performances. One of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone.

Blood Brothers tells the moving story of twin boys separated at birth, only to be reunited by a twist of fate and a mother's haunting secret. The memorable score includes A Bright New Day, Marilyn Monroe and the emotionally charged hit Tell Me It's Not True.

When Mrs Johnstone, a young mother, is deserted by her husband and left to her own devices to provide for seven hungry children she takes a job as a housekeeper in order to make ends meet.

A scene from Blood Brothers

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Willy Russell is one of this country's leading contemporary dramatists. His theatre credits include Educating Rita, Shirley Valentine, Breezeblock Park and Our Day Out.

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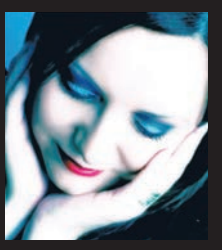

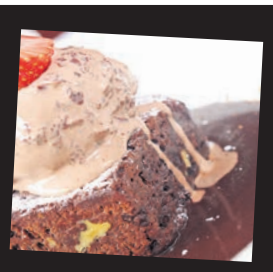

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE Due to move, television tables, dining room table plus six leather chairs, nests of tables etc.. Ring to view. Southport 07808484721

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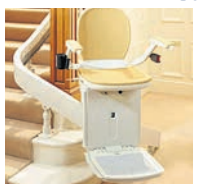
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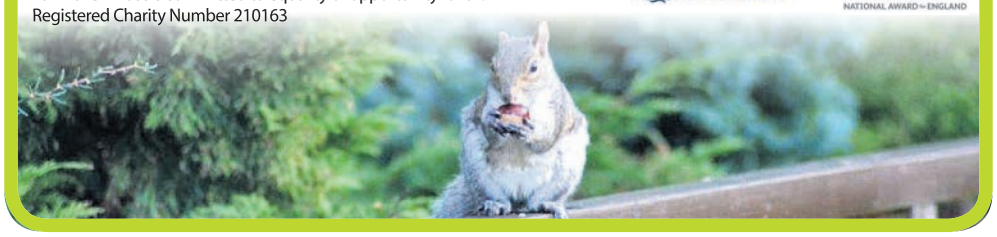

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BIRTHDAYS

SYLVIA LANDRY

Our baby is 50 on the

19th of August 2019

Happy Birthday!

Love Mum and all

the family

xxx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HEATON BARBARA

Cliff and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all their sympathy and cards received during their recent loss of a much loved wife, mum and nana. Thanks to Dr Ali and staff on Ward 7a at Southport District General Hospital. Special thanks to Father Tony and the choir for leading such a lovely service. Grateful thanks to Ian and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their dignified arrangements.

ROBERTS MARY

The family of the late Mary Roberts would like to express their sincere thanks to all who sent cards, messages of condolence, and donations for The British Skin Foundation received during their sad loss. Special thanks to all those who attended the service for Mary and to Neil Rees for the thoughtful and sensitive way he led the service; Country Florists for the beautiful floral tribute, all the staff at HighWray Residential Care Home for their support and the compassionate care shown to Mary, and to April Hunter and the team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the compassion, dignity and expert guidance given to us at such a difficult time.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HALL FRANK

The Family would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the sympathy cards, many messages of condolence, donations for The Masonic Charitable Foundation and for the support received during their recent sad loss.
Thanks also to Carol Edwards for a fitting funeral service and Sally & Louis Hunter & Team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the kindness and dignified funeral arrangements.

REID SIDNEY 'SID'

Kim and Paul would like to thank everyone for all the messages of condolence, sympathy cards, donations received for Queenscourt Hospice and for all the wonderful support shown from family and friends through out this sad time.
Thank you to Carol Edwards for the lovely service given to Sid.
Also thank you to Anabel and the team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their compassion and empathy shown to us during this time and their dignity shown to Dad.

ROACH EDDIE

Linda and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their very kind thoughts of sympathy, cards and donations received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the Mountbatten team for the care and support received during the past nine months. Grateful thanks to Brian Clarke for his kind ministrations and to M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their help, support and dignified Funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

WOOLLAM EDNA WINIFRED

6th August 2019
Peacefully
aged 93 years

Beloved Wife of Tom Woollam.
Dearly loved Mum of Ann and Alan.
Grandmother to Rachael, Sarah, Marc, Olivia and Hannah.
Great Grandmother to Myah, Marcia, Sebastian and Isla.
Requiem Mass will be held at St. Richards Church, 184 Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale on Tuesday 20th August at 11.30am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. A greateful thanks to Staff at Birch Green Care Home for all their support during the last 2 years.
All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

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EDWARDS DAVE

5th August 2019
Peacefully at home
Aged 79 years

Dearly loved Husband of Viv. Much loved Dad of Jo and Libby. Loving Grandad and Great Grandad

Funeral service at Thornton Crematorium on Tuesday 20th Aug at 12 noon.
Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Woodlands Hospice or Cancer Research.

All further enquiries to Graham J Clegg Funeral Service. 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB Tel: 0151 5203330

DEATHS

ABRAM JEAN

Passed away peacefully
5th August 2019
at Abbeywood Lodge Care Home
aged 87 years

Beloved Wife to Ron.
'United at last'
Beloved Mum to Daughter Kay.
She will be loved and missed by Kay and all her friends.
Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 19th August 2019 at 12:15pm.
Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired are being collected for Bishop David Sheppard School in Southport.

Donations and further enquiries please contact Anabel Hunter, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ. Tel:01695 424888

PARR CORA MARY

Passed away peacefully
9th August 2019
aged 84 Years

Loving Wife of John.
Mum of John,Paul (deceased) and Anne. Nan to Nick,Hannah,Simon and Elly. Great Nan to Esther. Loved and missed by all her family and friends.
Thank you to Southport Hospital for all their care and kindness to Cora.
Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired for Heartbeat, Ormskirk .

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors. 22a Liverpool Road North. Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555

DEATHS

RATCLIFF (NEE NAYLOR) JOAN

Passed away peacefully
11th August 2019
aged 75 years
of Aughton

Much Loved Wife of Colin,
Dearly Loved Mum of Theresa and Rebecca,
Loving Nan of Aaron, Madeleine, Hazel, Emily and Harry. Loved and missed by all her family and friends.
Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice and Cancer Research.

For Funeral arrangements please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

SWIFT CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS)

9th August 2019
aged 72 years

Loving Husband of Sally.
Devoted Dad of Chris, Stephen, Kevin, Lee and Nicola. Cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren and a dear Father in law. Will be sdaly missed by all his family and friends.
Requiem Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Wednesday 21st August at 12 noon followed by interment at Greenacres Rainford. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Alder Hey Childrens Hospital.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

STEANE RODNEY HOWARD

2nd August 2019
Passed away peacefully at his home

Dearly loved by Wife Barbara and Daughters Vicky and Bridget.
Cherished Bampsi (Grandfather) to Holly, Scott and Charlotte of whom he was incredibly proud and Great Bampsi to his beloved Teddy! Rod will be sadly missed by family and friends.
Funeral service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Dalton on Thursday 15th August 2019 at 1:30pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. The family respectfully ask for family flowers only and donations if desired to Dementia UK c/o H Hardman & Co.
All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

TAYLOR ELAINE

After a short illness on
9th August 2019
Aged 57 years.

Wife of Martin
Much loved Mum of Michael, Martin and Craig. Loving Nana of Jordan, Evie, Brooke, Ruby, Lola, Polly, Lottie & Keegan.
Devoted sister of Tina, John, Julie, Sandy and Steven.
Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday the 22nd August 2019 at 2.40pm.
Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Claire House Children's Hospice.
Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG Tel: 01704 501501.

DEATHS

RIMMER ERIC WILLIAM

26th July 2019
Aged 85 years

Eric William Rimmer of Scarisbrick Court, Scarisbrick New Road,Southport (formerly of Newton-le-Willows) passed unexpectedly. He was much loved and leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Maureen, his nephews and nieces Eric, Steve, Patricia and John. Great-nephews and nieces Sebastian, Katia, Lizzie, Katie and Marcus. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.
All are welcome to attend the Committal at Southport Crematorium Friday 23rd August at 1.20pm. A service of celebration will take place at Holy Trinity, Houghton Street at 2.00pm followed by a reception at the Little Theatre at 3pm.
Donations, if desired, are being collected for the R.N.L.I. and Queenscourt Hospice.
All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

WATERMAN SHIRLEY MARGARET

8th August 2019
Peacefully in hospital surrounded by her loving family
aged 65 years

Loving Wife of Dave.
Devoted Mum of Karen, Donna and Peter. Cherished Bambam of Lauren, Susan, Sarah and Thomas. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 23rd August at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Age UK.
All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

BIRKS BARBARA JOAN

of Ormskirk

Born
18th December 1939
passed away after a short illness
3rd August 2019

Dearly loved Mother to Steven and Anita, David & Jacqui.
Much loved Sister to Sylvia, Nanna and Great-Nanna to Amanda, Pete, Phoebe and Harry, Michael, Jamie, Shae & Blake, Jenny, Matthew, Erin, Lewis, Zara & Joe.
Also everybody's favourite Auntie & Friend.
Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 16th August at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for the British Heart Foundation, and Diabetes UK.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 424888.

BARRADELL CHRISTINE

Passed away peacefully at Anley Hall Nursing Home, Settle on August 8th 2019
Formerly of Gorsey Lane, Mawdesley

Loving Wife of Michael. Much loved Mother of Paul, Alison and Adrian. Treasured Grandma of Emily, Lucy, Benjamin, Rebecca, Harry and James.
Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and always in our hearts.

Funeral service at Settle Parish Church on Monday August 19th at 12.30pm.

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19th August

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1961-82

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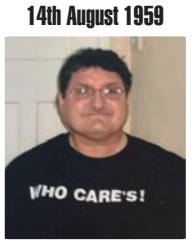
He'll calm and soothe the troubled soul, who looks to God on high.
We miss you Julie
Love Mum and Dad
xx
(1.Peter, Chapter 1, V3-9)

JAMES STEWART WEBB

14th August 1959



Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
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Loving Wife Jean, Donna, John, Lindsey, Katie, Nicola and all your Grandchildren
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MCCABE LIAM

18th August

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R.I.P.

Mum, Roisin, Brendan and Carla
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GREEN LANE, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian to proceed over that length of Green Lane, Tarleton from Blackgate Lane, Tarleton to Liverpool Road, Tarleton.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0000 hours on Wednesday 14th August 2019 until 2359 hours on Tuesday 31st March 2020 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Blackgate Lane - Southport New Road - Liverpool Road and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary as multiple subsidence locations making the surface unsafe for highway users.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT//EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U290 BESCAR LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of U290 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick for 20m either side of the level crossing at Bescar Lane Railway Station.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0530 hours on Wednesday 21st August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrian traffic only. The closure will be in place for the full duration of the works.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will not be provided but advanced warning signs of the closure at the level crossing will be provided.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the annual service of the level crossing to be carried out by Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/18732/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C142 CHURCH ROAD, TARLETON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C142 Church Road, Tarleton from C145 Blackgate Lane for 30m heading in a North Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 until 1530 hours on Wednesday 28th August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrians only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C142 Church Road, Tarleton – C142 Plox Brow, Tarleton – C142 Coe Lane, Tarleton – A59 Windgate, Tarleton – C142 Church Road, Tarleton and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the replacement of a banging manhole frame and cover to be carried out by Amey PLC on behalf of United Utilities.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation & Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19013/EW]

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JOSPICE LOTTERY WINNERS
Friday 9th August 2019

£1000.....Mr Gallagher, Bootle
£250.....Dr Magennis, Hale
£100.....Mrs Place, Southport

Plus 15 other winners of £10 each

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U304 NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH AND U3617 MARSH MOSS LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U304 New Lane, Burscough from house number 123 to the Level Crossing and U3617 Marsh Moss Lane, Burscough from house number 47 to the Level Crossing.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on until 1630 hours on Thursday 10th October 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrians only. The closure will be in place for the full duration of the works.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U3617 Marsh Moss Lane, Burscough – C137 Tarlscough Lane, Burscough – C137 Redcat Lane, Burscough – C137 Red Cat Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South – U300 Higgins Lane, Burscough – U303 New Lane, Burscough – U304 New Lane, Burscough and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the laying of a new duct in the carriageway to be carried out by Kelly Communications on behalf of BT.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/18758/EW]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2019/0731/FUL Relocation of café, shop, cycle storage and repair. Alteration to the elevations and addition of porch to main ECO centre building and provision of outdoor seating. Revised siting and alteration to the elevations and size of the community angling building. Revised siting of the respite lodges including the addition of timber decking areas. Use of store as mixed use office and store. Bird of prey building/control cabin, open hay store and amenity cabin. Installation of 3 No. CCTV poles and cameras. (Retrospective) at Cast North West Eco Centre, Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
2019/0742/FUL Change of use of 7 and 8 Wheatsheaf Walk (former hairdressers (A1) and cafe) to 1no. unit to form orthodontist practice (D1) at 7 & 8 Wheatsheaf Walk, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0764/FUL Replacement of windows, front door, fascias, soffits, rain water goods and removal of soil pipe to front elevation. Extension to rear of property at ground floor level and creation of living space within the basement. Amendments to fenestration and openings to rear elevation at 16 Parliament Street, Up Holland.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0767/FUL Single storey side and rear extensions at St Marys Barn, Prescot Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0768/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single storey side and rear extensions at St Marys Barn, Prescot Road, Aughton.
The application affects a Listed Building.
2019/0784/FUL Single storey rear extension at Friars Wood, Lancaster Lane, Parbold.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
2019/0792/FUL Erection of 2 x two storey blocks to provide 8 x 2 bedroom flats and 6 x 3 bedroom houses (C3 residential use class) with associated access road off Fairstead, car parking and landscaping at Land To The North-east Of, Fairstead, Birch Green, Skelmersdale.
2019/0803/FUL Construction of a replacement portal frame building for B1/B8 uses under the use classes order and change of use of land in part for B1/B8 uses under the use classes order at Blackhurst Barn, 396 Blackgate Lane, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 14th August 2019
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT1057

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the event) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;.
i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane
ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane
iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom)
iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane
v. Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane
An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows;
i. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Cross Hall Brow – A577 Wigan Road and vice versa
ii. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road – A577 Wigan Road – A577 Cross Hall Brow – School Lane – Vicarage Lane
iii. A577 Wigan Road – A577 Cross Hall Brow – A577 Wigan Road A570 St Helens Road – Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa
Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, vehicular access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the safe holding of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon event 2019.
The prohibitions will be operative from, 0730 hours until 1230 hours on Sunday 25th August 2018, or sooner if the event finishes earlier
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRT/19083/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5241 JUNCTION LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough from U375 Heather Close, Burscough to U381 Gower Gardens, Burscough.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours on Tuesday 20th August 2019 until 1500 hours on Friday 22nd August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Closure will only be in place between the above times on each day. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible. School services will be accommodated.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough – A5209 Square Lane, Burscough – A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough – B5241 Junction Lane, Burscough
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council – Highways.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17902/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C131 POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C131 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick from 20m South West of Pool Hey Level Crossing to The Beeches, Scarisbrick, PR9 8AB.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0830 hours on Tuesday 20th August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be for pedestrian traffic only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C131 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick – A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick – C136 Snape Green, Scarisbrick – C136 Wyke Cop Road, Scarisbrick – C136 Wyke Road, Scarisbrick – C131 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow a level crossing inspection to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/19250/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(F8863 FOOTPATH TOWN CENTRE PLAZA TO GLENBURN ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any pedestrian to proceed over that length of F8863 Footpath Town Centre Plaza to Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale from 50m West of F7555 Town Centre Plaza, Skelmersdale to F1537 Yewdale.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours on Monday 19th August 2019 until 2359 hours on Friday 27th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. A diversion will be signed locally.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the construction of a new shared use cycleway to be carried out by Lancashire County Council – Design and Construction.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
[Ref: HRiT/19705/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U304 NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2019
The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers,
HEREBY makes the following Order:-
The Lancashire County Council (U304 New Lane, Burscough, West Lancashire Borough)(Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019, is hereby temporarily Amended in that:
i. To amend Article 3 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours on Monday 26th August 2019 until 1630 hours on Wednesday 28th August 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Friday 2nd August 2019 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (U304 New Lane, Burscough, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2019 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2019"**
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRiT/18758/EW1]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(STATION ROAD AND HEATHY LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Station Road and Heathy Lane, Downholland from Southport Road, Downholland to Plex Moss Lane, Halsall. Exemption to this is permitted for the contractors carrying out the works.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 2nd September 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 27th September 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Southport Road – Plex Moss Lane
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the installation of a new water main works to be carried out by Mott MacDonald Bentley Limited.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17344/EW]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARBOLD STREET FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND MUSIC, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (except for event participants) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;
i. C165 Mill Lane, Parbold from A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold to C165 Station Road, Parbold
ii. C165 Station Road, Parbold from C165 Mill Lane, Parbold to Parbold Station Level Crossing
iii. C165 The Common, Parbold from Parbold Station Level Crossing to U361 Tan House Lane, Parbold
An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows;
C165 The Common, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold and vice versa
Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.
The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the holding of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon 2019
The prohibition will be operative from 1100 hours on Saturday 31st August 2019 until 1900 hours on Sunday 1st September 2019 or sooner if the event finishes earlier
[Ref: HRT/19005/EW]

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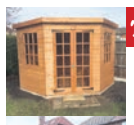

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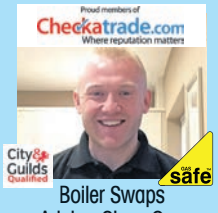
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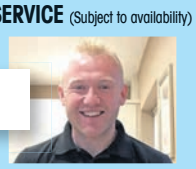

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David reckons the Mercedes A-Class is a good drive, but the gadgets are a bit overbearing

Why has Mercedes given the gig of running A-Class to Word's poor old Clippy?

"IT LOOKS like you're writing a column for *The Champion*. Can I help?"

Anyone even vaguely familiar with Clippy, the relentlessly cheery - and endlessly irritating - virtual assistant for Microsoft Word will know how I feel this week.

Every time you tried even the simplest task, like opening your latest missive with "Dear", would instantly be met with a bombardment of questions about exactly how you'd like to write a letter.

Thankfully Clippy was quickly marched into Bill Gates' office and promptly issued with his P45 many years ago, but I'm beginning to wonder whether he's since managed to get another job – this time, residing in the infotainment system of the latest Mercedes A-Class.

I've just spent several hundred miles in the company of a mid-range A180d, but it felt more like a shift rather than a drive. When all of its considerable amount of in-car tech is up and running it might as well be a work station on wheels – perhaps with a photocopier and a water cooler in the corner – than a car.

Its pièce de résistance is a double-screen, interactive display that starts behind the steering wheel and runs right across to the centre of the dashboard and controls every function imaginable in the A-Class, from the cruise control to how much bass you'd like on the tunes being played through its Bluetooth connection.

It is very cleverly engineered and I'm sure that if I spent about a month going through every sub-menu fiddling with the settings it would be fine-tuned to match every minute facet of my personality, but because I hadn't – and because it was doing its best to try and guess them – it did make me wonder why Mercedes had given the important gig of running the A-Class to poor old Clippy.

Leaving a car park, for instance, does not require a feed from four car-mounted cameras to be instantly fired up – not when I have mirrors, windows and a moveable neck that can already do all of that. Nor do I want, when I'm squeezing through a tight gap, a collision warning system to chime in at the precise moment that I'm concentrating.

It's also not terribly intuitive to use – it's controlled via the steering wheel, a touch screen *and* a sensor pad on the centre console, the latter of which is mounted right next to the cupholders.

Which means you end up accidentally exiting the satnav when you grab your cup of coffee.

It even has a wrist support to stop you getting repetitive strain injury.

I'm used to these doing an eight-hour stint in an office, but in a car?

All of which meant I ended up doing what most Microsoft Word users did about 20 years ago – switching off Clippy altogether – and driving around with as much of the in-car tech as possible shut down.

As soon as I did that I actually enjoyed the A-Class for what it really is – it's beautifully built, decent to drive, a lot nicer to look at than the previous model and, in A180d form at least, equipped with a turbodiesel that delivers plenty of mid-range thump on motorways and dual carriageways.

I reckon it's the best A-Class so far, once you let the engineering – rather than the tech – do the talking.

Brilliant, I've made it to the end of this week's column without Clippy chiming in!

"It looks like you're signing off for another week. Can I hel…"

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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Ormskirk's title hopes suffer a setback after Bootle washout

National Club Cup tie at Richmondshire also hit by weather

WET weather once again ruined another round of league fixtures in the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division on Saturday.

Bootle remain 31 points clear at the top after their eagerly anticipated home clash against second placed Ormskirk was abandoned without a ball being bowled.

Ormskirk's scheduled National Club Cup game at Richmondshire was rained off last Sunday and will now be played on Sunday, August 25.

Ormksirk will host Toft in the ECB National Club Twenty20 quarter final this Sunday, August 18 with a 2pm start.

But one game were substantial play was possible was Southport & Birkdale's match at third placed New Brighton which ended in a closely fought draw

S&B were asked to bat and, in between a two hour deluge, were bowled out in 44.5 overs for 98.

Harry May 28 and Isaac Lea 23 were the top scorers, while Ashraf Nawab took 6-22 with the ball.

In reply the hosts had 19 overs in which to reach their target and eventually ended 11 runs short of victory on 88-8.

Matty Thompson top scored with 32, whilst Gary Keedy 4-15 and Chris Cunningham 3-36 took S&B to within two wickets of victory.

For all S&B's efforts in the field they only came away with four points, whilst the hosts collected five from a match that maybe merited them both getting a little more from their efforts.

Formby managed some play in their home match against Northern but it was called off after 23.4 overs with James Seward 44* and Ollie Sutton 34* both unbeaten at the crease with the score on 82-0.

Dickenson bowls devastating spell in win for Hesketh

IN the First Division, Fleetwood Hesketh beat the weather and Highfield in a very entertaining match at Sea Cop.

The hosts were asked to bat and collapsed from 35-0 (Luke Tinsley 20) to 65-8 before Gavin Dickensen 16 and Danny Murphy 13* added a few vital runs down the order as they were dismissed for 94, with Chris Liptrot taking 6-49 and Madduma Lakmal 3-26 with the ball.

In reply, a devastating opening burst of six wickets out of seven from Dickensen quickly reduced the visitors to 44-7, however with Ben Gregory at the crease the visitors were still in the match and at 84-9 it was anyone's to win.

The reintroduction of Dickensen (7-24) then proved decisive as the return catch he took to remove Gregory for 33 meant Fleetwood ran out victors by just eight runs.

Ainsdale's fixture at Sefton Park was abandoned without a single ball being bowled.

In the Second Division, Southport Trinity's match at Spring View was another to succumb to the weather, as was Burscough's home fixture against Maghull and Hightown St Mary's home match against Sutton.

THIS weekend's local LDCC fixtures (noon start): Formby v Orrell Red Triangle, Northern v Lytham, Ormskirk v Colwyn Bay, Southport & Birkdale v Bootle, Ainsdale v Birkenhead Park, Rainford v Fleetwood Hesketh, Maghull v Hightown St Mary's, Norley Hall v Burscough and Southport Trinity v Liverpool.

Skem face FA Cup replay after Cawley strike cancelled out

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United 1
Penistone Church 1

SKELMERSDALE United will face a replay in their FA Cup qualifying match after letting a 1-0 lead slip against Penistone Church.

Skelmersdale United opened the scoring on Friday night at Volair Park Prescot in the 57th minute, but were pegged back by an equaliser just 15 minutes from full-time.

The first-half saw a pair of defences on top and as a result chances were at a premium.

Skelmersdale came nearest to scoring when a corner was partially cleared and the ball was lobbed back into the goalmouth from the left and under pressure from a host of Skem players Penistone goalkeeper Chris Snaith needed all his six-foot plus build to tip the ball to safety over his crossbar.

Down the other end Skelmersdale goalkeeper Ben Barnes, who has joined since last season, competently dealt with a series of crosses and preventive keeping that really was what you would expect from a goalkeeper.

The second-half was a lot livelier, and soon a shot from the right went into the Penistone side-netting, while Barnes was made to save at away forward Nathan Keightley's feet in the corner of the penalty area.

Skelmersdale took the lead and after some neat approach play. Barnes took a ground kick in the Skem 18 yard box and the ball bounced once and sailed over the last defender. Joe Cawley read the situation well, ran onto the ball and from 12 yards with his right-foot lifted the ball over advancing keeper Snaith into the net behind him.

Cawley celebrates his opening goal. Picture by John Driscoll

Just after the hour mark Alex Griffiths cut in from the left and his shot drifted just wide of the far post as Skem came close to making it 2-0.

However, in the 75th minute Penistone got their equaliser. The ball was played wide right to Keightley who quickly put it across the face of goal and substitute Shaun Mundy slid in and managed to direct the ball into the Skelmersdale net to make it 1-1.

Skelmersdale had more of the possession after the Penistone goal and but for a brave save at Cawley's feet by Snaith they could have won. The last big moment fell to Penistone deep into added time. A James Young free-kick was hoisted up to the far post and headed down to number six Brett Lovell, his shot from four yards slammed against the Skelmersdale bar and bounced clear, within five seconds referee Anthony Ball blew for full-time.

Skelmersdale deserved at least a draw and will head towards Barnsley on Wednesday night with serious hopes of winning.

After two league games and an FA Cup game they remain unbeaten, defensively they look strong and the presence of Barnes in goal has made a noticeable difference. The winner of the replay though has the tough task of visiting City of Liverpool in the next round.

Linnets win five goal thriller thanks to late penalty from Hill

BURSCOUGH won a five-goal thriller against local rivals AFC Liverpool in their FA Cup qualifying victory.

Goals from Ben Lightfoot (26 mins), Andy Presho (58 mins) and a late Deklan Hill penalty saw the Linnets win 3-2 and reach the next round of the competition.

Burscough have a trip to Manchester as their reward where they play Trafford in the Preliminary Round on Saturday, August 24.

If Skelmersdale win their replay against Penistone tonight (Wednesday, August 14) in South Yorkshire they will travel to play City of Liverpool also on August 24, COL playing their home games at Bootle FC.

Both teams are back to league action on Saturday and in the North-West Counties Premier Division table there is not a lot to choose between the teams.

Burscough are currently 11th on 3 points from their two league games, while unbeaten Skelmersdale are in 13th position on two points from two league games.

Skelmersdale face a visit to familiar territory on Saturday but a far from easy encounter at Northwich Victoria.

The Vic's have done some wandering ground-wise over the last few years but seem to have settled at Witton Albion's Wincham Park for now, a ground Skem supporters will know well from the Northern Premier League days and maybe more significantly one they have only lost once on over those years. Northwich have won one and lost one in the league so far.

Burscough are on home territory, where they face Irlam, kick off 3pm. The team from the west side of Manchester have made a solid start to the season with a win and a draw so far and sit unbeaten on four points. They regularly give the Linnets a close encounter so it should be a good game at Victoria Park on Saturday.

Both teams are again in action in the middle of next week. Skem have a local derby at Litherland Remyca on Wednesday, August 21, kick off 7.45pm.

It will be of big significance to a number of people involved at Skem, especially manager Paul McNally who spent a successful period as assistant manager at the club a couple of years ago.

The night before on Tuesday, August 20, Burscough are at home to newly promoted Rylands. The Warrington based club got promotion in their first ever season in the North-West Counties League and have won their opening two games in the Premier Division.

The club are owned by Wayne Rooney's agent Paul Stretford.

If Skelmersdale lose out in their replay in Yorkshire they will play at home to Barnoldswick Town on Saturday, August 24. It will be a first ever league meeting between the clubs, but obviously that has to be confirmed.

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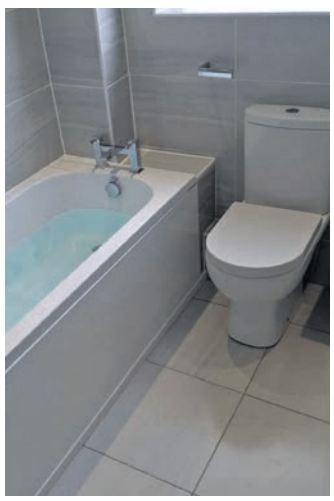

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